

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Certainly, there are a good number.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether there are not several male teachers in the institutions under the administrative control of the Chief Inspectress and her Assistants ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Yes, there are many teachers.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the Government whether there are not other authorities in the department who are competent to give advice to Government on female education ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : There may be some, but the same is the position with regard to the Inspectress of Schools.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know the special qualifications of the Chief Inspectress for giving advice to Government regarding female education of the State ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Her sex no less than her general knowledge of the condition of the Girls' Schools and long experience in dealing with Girl pupils.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Director and the Divisional Inspectors are not aware of such conditions and circumstances ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : They may be aware. But with that knowledge they cannot fulfil those duties.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know the particular reason for their not fulfilling such conditions ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : I said sex is one of those considerations.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the Government whether till recently the offices of the Divisional Inspectress and her Assistants were located in one and the same building ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Yes, they were.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know the reason for the change recently introduced ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : The difficulty in continuing to keep the same building on rent.

Amalgamation of the Maramath and P. W. Departments.

253. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for amalgamating the Maramat Department with the general P. W. D. ;

(b) the period during which a separate Maramat Department was maintained by the State ; and

(c) the actual savings, if any, effected by the amalgamation with particulars thereof ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (a) As a result of the Temple Entry Proclamation and as a measure of economy.

(b) 16 years, the department having been constituted on 1-1-1097 and amalgamated on 10-1-1113.

(c) Rs. 20,684 made up by the abolition of the post of Maramat Engineer, Duffadar, 16 peons, as also the T. A. and contingent charges and by a re-arrangement of the other staff.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government with reference to part (c) of the answer whether there is an allotment of Rs. 8,400 for an Executive Engineer being made supernumerary due to the result of the abolition of the Maramat Department.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government the activities of the Maramat Department?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Carrying out Maramat works.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer is now competent to effect direct supervision of the works connected with Devaswoms?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I do not enter into the temples. But there are 4 Division officers and most of the Assistant Engineers who are competent to supervise the works by entering the temples.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, when the Chief Engineer and some of the Executive Engineers have no right to enter upon the temple premises I do not know how they can efficiently supervise these works. Will the Chief Engineer enlighten me as to this?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Only one executive Engineer has no right to enter temples; the other four and most of the assistant Engineers may enter temple premises. If any Sub Division Officer cannot enter into temple premises the adjoining Sub Division Officer is put in charge of the work.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether it is the opinion of the Government that the Maramat Work need not be supervised or inspected by the Chief Engineer.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Such works are supervised by the Executive Engineers. It is not necessary for the Chief Engineer to examine these works, but he does examine plans and estimates. The Maramat Engineer was an Executive Engineer.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether when a new image is to be made and supplied for a temple the Chief Engineer who happens to be a Christian, or a Carpenter according to the old Mamool will be asked to prepare estimates for that?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: All the people who were carrying on works in the Maramath Department are still in the service of Government and carry out similar works as before.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Will the amalgamation tamper with the existing customs and usages of the temples?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No, in no way.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Does the figure Rs. 20,684 include the expenditure on account of the supernumerary Executive Engineer that is Rs. 8,000?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I do not think so.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Then, am I to understand from the figure that the expenditure will come to about Rs. 12,000.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: If you deduct 8,000 from 20,000 it must come to 12,000.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Then do you mean to say that only Rs. 12,000 has been saved by the amalgamation.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No. The Maramat Engineer is a permanent Executive Engineer of the P. W. D. and so has been taken back into the Department and the post declared supernumerary and since absorbed in the Department.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Was this amalgamation one of the reason to continue the post of the Deputy Chief Engineer?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No, Sir.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know the amount that is now allotted for temple restoration is the amount that was sanctioned years ago?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I can't answer that now.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether this amalgamation is advantageous to the Devaswom Department or to the Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The Devaswom Department is part of the Government and their interests are identical.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know from the member whether the Government is not a trustee of the Devaswom?

PRESIDENT: How can the Chief Engineer say whether the Government is or is not a trustee of the Devaswom?

Maintenance of the Karavila channel.

254. ***MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Tovala cum Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state what amount was spent for the maintenance of Karavila channel during the years 1109, 1110, 1111 and 1112?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: A *statement giving the information is laid on the table.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know why in 1109 the amount spent for the maintenance in the canal was very low?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Because much work was evidently not necessary then.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Was there any complaint received by the Chief Engineer to the effect that the channel is not maintained properly?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, there was a complaint.

Maintenance of the Krishnanputhoo Kal.

255. ***MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR:** Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent for the maintenance of the "Krishnanputhoo Kal" in the years 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111 and 1112 and in the first half of the year 1113?

* *Vide* Appendix I Page 1050.